

Job announcement: ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-13

Predocctoral assistant in Macroeconomics/Finance, Department of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona

Position overview

Starting in August/September 2026, Professor Dmitry Kuvshinov seeks to hire up to two predoctoral assistants for his ERC-funded research project analyzing liquidity and safe-asset dynamics around historical financial crisis events. The chosen candidate(s) will provide support with the construction of a historical cross-country database of the prices, yields, and liquidity for different financial assets (full details in sections below).

Job location

Barcelona (Spain), Pompeu Fabra University (UPF), Ciutadella Campus, Department of Economics and Business. **The work is to be carried out on campus.**

About UPF: <https://www.upf.edu/web/universitat/>

About the Department of Economics and Business: <https://www.upf.edu/web/econ/publications>

About prof. Kuvshinov's ERC grant: <https://dkuvshinov.com/#erc>

Funding body and project

EU's Horizon Europe programme. European Research Council Starting grant 'Safety, Liquidity, and Crises', 2024–2028, grant no. 101116832. The project studies the contribution of liquidity and safe assets to financial crisis events.

Principal investigator: Dmitry Kuvshinov, Associate Professor at UPF, Affiliated Professor at the Barcelona School of Economics, and Research Affiliate at the CEPR.

Job offer

Research Support Staff (*personal de suport a la recerca*), Department of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University.

Type of contract: Open-ended, in accordance with Decree RD 32/2021 of 28 December 2021.

Incompatibilities: This contract might be incompatible with other contracts.

Employer: Pompeu Fabra University.

Starting date: August/September 2026.

Job description

The predoc will help the project's Principal Investigator (prof. Kuvshinov) and his team of PhD researchers to construct a historical cross-country database of the prices, yields, and liquidity for different financial assets, by engaging in the following tasks:

- Locating the primary historical data sources.
- Managing the data extraction from located sources (done primarily through external data entry companies).
- Cleaning the data and integrating it into the database.
- Performing preliminary empirical analysis of the collected data and presenting results to the team.

Reporting line: this position reports to the principal investigator of the project and the project's senior members.

REQUIREMENTS

This position is for candidates looking to apply to a PhD programme for 2027/2028 and have a strong interest in empirical research in Finance, Macroeconomics, and/or Economic History.

EXPERIENCE

Although professional experience is not mandatory, previous positions as a research assistant in academia or similar research environments, particularly in the fields of Macroeconomics/Finance, will be an asset.

QUALIFICATIONS

Masters' degree in the broad field of Economics, Finance, or Data Science, finished or very close to completion.

Excellent academic record in the master's (top grades / top percentiles of the cohort).

SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE

- Coding: Advanced or proficiency command of R and/or Python; Stata will be a plus.
- IT: advanced or proficiency level of Microsoft Office.
- Language: Advanced or proficiency level in English, both spoken and written.

Group and level: Group 3, level U

Working hours: 30 hours/week.

APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS

This job advertisement is posted in:

- EURAXESS: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/434056>
- Barcelona School of Economics, Research Assistantship Market: <https://sites.google.com/bse.eu/bseramarket-students/home>
- Prof. Kuvshinov's and SAFECRISES project manager's LinkedIn profiles
- Department of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF): <https://www.upf.edu/web/econ/research-project-positions>
Job opportunities > Research Project Positions > Research Support Positions
Position reference: ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-13.

All the announcements about the selection process for this position will be posted on UPF's website.

The application submission deadline is 31 May 2026, 23:00pm (UTC+1). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

General rating system

Experience: 10 %

Qualifications: 45 %

Skills/knowledge: 45 %

The candidate with the highest score in the selection process will be awarded the job. The minimum score needed to pass the selection process is 75 points.

Selection Committee

Chair: Dmitry Kuvshinov

Committee members: Gabriela Stockler (UPF) and Andrea Caggese (UPF).

Application documents

- CV in English (maximum: two pages).
- Motivation letter in English explaining the applicant's interest in and fit for the position (maximum: one page).
- Copy of the master's degree grades transcript (full or partial), and/or master's diploma if available.
- Names, positions and contact details of 1 - 2 referees

Selection process

Stage 1

A zip file containing all the application documents should be sent to Mariona Novoa via email (mariona.novoa@upf.edu), **with the subject line ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-13. Please name the zip**

file ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-13_Lastname_Firstname.

Stage 2

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a short interview.

Data protection

Please refer to: <https://rat.upf.edu/en/II014>

UPF Equality Plan: <https://www.upf.edu/web/pla-igualtat>

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